Pulling through

Brad Jerdon (’02) ends his Pull career, begins as a coach

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Editor’s Note: This is the last article in a series focusing on the experiences of one puller, on one side of the Black River.

The Pull is often thought of as three of the longest, most grueling, and draining hours a person may experience in life.

But for Even Year Puller Brad Jerdon (’02) the time flew by. “An hour and a half into it, they told us we were half done, but I felt like five minutes had gone by,” Jerdon said.

Jerdon’s ’02 team experienced the thrill of victory on Saturday, pulling in 6-feet-1 more rope than their odd year counterparts.

It was Jerdon’s and the Even Year’s first Pull victory, and as they celebrated their victory, they also remembered some of the emotions being felt on the other side of the river.

“I’m sure the Odd Year team can’t wait for next year,” he said. “They’re probably a little down right now, it was probably the hardest three weeks of their lives.

They’re going to come back and want it next year like we did. No one wants to walk away without winning.”

But for the Even Year team, their last year ended with sweet memories.

“Before I started I just kept thinking this is my last year. I have to leave it all here. I can’t have any regrets,” he said.

For those three hours, the teams have little idea of how close the contest is or what is happening on the other side of the river.

“It definitely could tell when we were getting some rope,” Jerdon said. “I could feel when we lost some too, but I felt like we were getting more than we were losing. We knew it was close, but we didn’t know how close. It makes you want to pull even harder.”

The Even Year pullers strained and pulled with the realization that this would be their last time on the rope.

“In other sports you might get 10 games in a season,” he said. “This you only get twice.”

But for Jerdon, his Pull involvement will not be forced to the sidelines, yet. On Saturday evening he was chosen as a coach for the ’04 Pull Team.

“I’m excited. I want it to be next year already. I hope I can do as good of a job as our coaches have done for us. It’s so awesome to be carrying on a tradition that’s been around for 102 years, and not only to be a part of it, but to pass it on.”

Jerdon emphasizes the entire team’s motivation and effort in this year’s contest. “We would never be able to win Pull without every single person out there—the coaches, pullers, and moralers. It’s not about me, it’s about the team.”

FACING DIVERSITY

New faculty shows increased global emphasis of college

ANDREW KLECZEK
Sports Editor

The face of Hope College is changing one professor at a time.

In recent years, the college has been adding more minority professors in an attempt to increase student body diversity in response to the Board of Trustees 1997 expansion of the mission statement, which includes:

“The experience will include encounters with cultural diversities and characteristics of our nation and world. Hope will increasingly reflect the presence and influence of students, faculty, and staff from diverse racial and cultural backgrounds.”

According to Provost Jacob Nyenhuis, the changes will benefit students in many ways, including helping to break down negative racial stereotypes and teach students to work in a culturally diverse world.

“Students need to be prepared and active participants in a culturally diverse atmosphere,” Nyenhuis said.

He also pointed to Hope’s strong ties to Christianity as a reason to diversify the faculty and the student body.

“If we are going to live out the teachings of Christ and follow the example of Christ, we need people on our campus who reflect the rich diversity of God’s people,” Nyenhuis said.

He also states that his life has been enriched by knowing people of diverse backgrounds.

“I would hope that every student and faculty member would be able to have that type of experience,” Nyenhuis said.

As part of the program to diversify the college, working with Howard University to recruit at least two doctoral candidates a year to come to Hope. The two doctoral students who choose to work at Hope this year are Kimberly Moffitt, PFF Teaching Fellow in the Department of Communication, and Teresa Gilliams in the Department of English as a visiting assistant professor.

In the English department, the more FACULTY on 10

PULLING OFF NEW LEGACY IN AN OLD TRADITION

Jane Bast
staff reporter

For decades the oldest tradition at Hope College has been associated with men.

It was men who developed the famous techniques, men underwent the weeks of training and when Pull day arrived, men grunted it out in the pits while women stood cheering on the sidelines. Men were pullers, women moralers. But times are changing.

“The change came about fluidly,” said Tom Renner, director of Public Relations. “I thought there would be more debate, but people didn’t seem to give it a second thought.”

This year, both teams had female pullers, feat that the first female puller, Keri Law (’99), called phenomenal.

“I think it’s absolutely great that more women are trying out for the puller position,” La. Law said. “I don’t think it’s because they are breaking the mold or standing up for women’s rights, but rather they are doing it because they enjoy it.”

Every year puller Emily Hutchins (’02) also believes the change is positive.

“A lot of people can’t believe women are doing it. I don’t see much of a difference between men and women pullers,” Hutchins said. “I think it’s more about mental strength than physical strength.”

Odd year puller Anna Krumsieg (’03) echoed that more WOMEN on 2

PUTTING IN THE MUSCLE: Even Year Moraler Sam Sandro (’02) screams encouragement to Puller Mark Foreman (’02) as he fights for rope from his pit. TheEven Year Pull team won the 102nd Pull by 6-foot-1 on Saturday, Oct. 2nd.

More Pull See Special Insert on Pages 5-7

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International economist to present lecture

Dr. Barend de Vries, an international economist, will present the lecture "The Economic and Moral Implications of Fighting Poverty." on Thursday, Oct. 7, from 4-5 pm. The lecture will be held in the Knechtzberger Theatre and admission is free.

Dr. de Vries was educated at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands and he holds a Ph.D. in industrial economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. De Vries has worked for many organizations, including the International Monetary Fund, the Cowles Commission at the University of Chicago, and the World Bank. While an economist with the Bank, de Vries worked in several Third World countries to financially reorganize their economies.

Among other projects, Dr. de Vries helped to refinance Ghana's debt, and in Columbia, he developed a program to improve the country's highways, agriculture, and electric power systems.

The lecture is open to public. Admission is free.

Boxing it: Habitat sleeps out

For many people around the world, home is a bench, an alley doorway, or maybe even a cardboard box. There are over 35 million homeless in the United States. This places the homeless to Hope student ratio at 12,000-to-1. That number has made many Hope students wonder what kind of difference they can make in reducing it.

Last Wednesday, Habitat for Humanity organized "Sleep Out in the Pine Grove," where students spent the night in a cardboard box. Fifteen students came to participate, but only 10 made it through the cold night.

Habitat for Humanity is a group who ultimately wants to help eliminate homelessness by building homes and through other service projects," said Habitat President Jack Mulder '00. "Sleep Out in the Pine Grove" is an event to help increase student awareness of homelessness. We hope that students will be a little shocked when they walk outside in the morning and find people sleeping in cardboard boxes in front of their dorms.

While Mulder emphasized the effects on the night on the other people, some of the participants found that it also had a significant impact on the way they thought. "It was really cold," said Sarah Escott '01. "It really made me appreciate what I have more. It made me glad that at least I don't have to go out there every night.

One of the event's organizers, Cathy Robart '02, believed that the event served a double purpose. "Part of it was to raise awareness of homelessness," she said. "It also served to generate a sense of empathy by actually feeling the cold. Instead of just seeing it or imagining it, people were actually feeling it.

Other Hope students believe the event was an insult to the homeless. "We have nice places to sleep," said Chris Vander Hyde '02. "We should just be appreciative of what we have anyway."

Kris McMillen '02 thought that appreciating what she had meant giving it up for a little while. "I think it's very important for people to know that there are things they can do," McMillen said. "I did it to show that there were homeless people.

In spite of mixed reactions to the event, Mulder still believes that people can't truly begin to help people until they've experienced their struggles. "We always have to be grateful for what we have," Mulder said. "We need to try to understand what people are going through. Sometimes it just takes spending a night outside in the cold for us to realize that."

Increased modem use causes clogged phone lines

WOMEN from 1

"We people trying to get through to a room may receive a busy signal, even though the person may not be on the line or may want to talk to them." Although law, Hutchins, and Kusmiec are barrier breakers, none could understand the importance of their coworkers.

"I thought that the position of moraler was the greatest contribution women have made," said Law. "I just approached it differently. I think women can do amazing things too."

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Senior’s programming sells

M. LOFUSS
staff reporter
While most students have used the internet for E-mail, chat rooms or research, Matt Hahnfeld (‘00) has used it to make a little extra income.
In late 1997, Hahnfeld started a website for his new business, EveryChair, where anyone on the internet could get the basic programming needed to start an online chat room.
He later expanded his business with EveryAuction, which allows people to set up a basic online auction.
“EveryAuction is for anyone who wants to start a small auction site. All they have to do is download the software, put it on the web, and it runs,” Hahnfeld, a native of Midland, said.
The free programs, which are available to everyone, are copyrighted under the name EverySoft, found at www.everysoft.com. Companies can then contact EverySoft, who for a fee, will help the company change the program to meet their particular needs.
“It’s like making a cake. I give people the ingredients and the formula on how to mix these ingredients. If they want just the cake, they can have the cake. But if they want white frosting instead of brown frosting, they can go change the ingredients and get that,” Hahnfeld said.
Computer programming is something that comes naturally to Hahnfeld, a computer science and communications major. He has known since elementary school that he was going to go into the computer field somehow, even though colleges didn’t yet have computer science majors back then.
In junior high school and early high school, Hahnfeld worked a lot with BBS programming, the precursor to the Internet.
“I’ve been programming since elementary school. I enjoy it. It’s just something I’m interested in. I’ve been doing it my whole life. Things have progressed so much since then, it’s amazing,” Hahnfeld said.
The idea for EveryChat was placed in Hahnfeld’s room by German professor Lee Forster, whom Hahnfeld had during his freshmen year.
Forster casually mentioned that it would be great if online chat programs were easier to use, allowing more people to participate.
“ForEverySoft, going from a vision to a business was a matter of filling out the paperwork,” Hahnfeld said.
EveryAuction, now run through the Image Group in downtown Holland, has grown to include over 1,000 auction sites with items such as Beanie Babies, baseball cards, and antiques.
It has been featured in magazine articles in Computer Software, and PC Week, and is part of a CD-ROM that comes with Internet Auctions for Dummies. A $50 million sale is currently pending on one of the auction sites.
“A big part of what’s kept the company successful is the support of all the users. It’s a community of users that’s been formed. All the people work together to help make the product better,” Hahnfeld said.
Hahnfeld’s other interests include the outdoors, camping and hiking, hanging out with friends, and skiing.
On campus, he is also the activities coordinator for the computer lab and the production director at WTHS.
To help modernize WTHS, Hahnfeld recently programmed a computer that allows WTHS to be on the air 24 hours a day, even when the computers are not there.
Hahnfeld also started a website for WTHS, which is still under construction.
The WTHS website is www.listen-to-wths.com. The need to expand WTHS with computers was obvious to Hahnfeld.
“I think a radio station has to be on twenty-four hours a day. The radio station at Hope had no computers. In this day and age, computers are everything,” Hahnfeld said.
After graduation in May, Hahnfeld, who is already job hunting, will take his best job offer in computer programming or administration. As for EverySoft’s future, Hahnfeld is not certain how involved he’ll be.
“I have a commercial version that’s coming out for $500. People who have already purchased it so far know there’s a client base for it. Beyond that, I don’t know. I’m a senior so I don’t know what I’m doing next,” Hahnfeld said.

Looking for a place to worship? Then come to Breakaway!

Breakaway is a non-traditional worship celebration featuring a praise band, drama, practical teaching from the Bible. It’s held every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We don’t think you’ll come just once!
A van departs from outside Phelps at 10:10 a.m. and returns to Hope about noon.
Community Reformed Church
10376 Felch Street, Holland

Ask a Computer Genius

Each day, Hope’s Computer Information and Technology services (CIT) get hundreds of requests, questions, and complaints. As usual, they’re quite busy, so I thought that I’d handle the correspondence burden for this week.
Here are a few questions and requests, answered by me: a beneficial “computer genius.”

Dear Andrew: Last night, I tried to print my midterm paper for Mechanics of Modern Dance, but the printer was out of paper. I tried calling the lab monitor but she wasn’t in her room. How do I catch her at home?
-Sandra in Kollen Hall.

Sandra, use stealth, and remain downwind at all times. If you don’t kill her with the first arrow, you’ll at least be able to track her until she dies of exposure. You can then field-strip the body for the precious paper supplies.

Dear Andrew: The computers in the lab are on the fritz. One of them swallowed my disk and won’t give it back. Please help.
-Becky in Dykstra Hall.

Becky, you are probably having trouble with your computer’s “A-Colon.” Turn the computer around. See those little holes in the back? Pour a little Pepto Bismol in there and the computer should be regular as rain in the hard drive with a tuck hammer.

Dear Andrew: My roommate, let’s call him Carl, spends four to five hours a day downloading porn through the Hope ethernet system. It really offends me that he does this, especially with the access the college has given him. Is there any way that I can stop this, without him finding out? He’s a really nice guy, except for the whole porn thing. -Rob in Brumler Apartments.

Rob, I definitely understand your concern with Carl’s abuse of the Hope system. You could go to CIT with the problem, but try this as an alternative solution. When Carl isn’t around, use his computer and screen name to solicit 14-old girls online. Hopefully, it’ll tip off the FBI, and they’ll take care of Carl and the porn problem for you.

Dear Andrew: I’m a freshman, and my friends from Saginaw High School (Go ‘Nawgs!) aren’t sending me any e-mail. I thought that the electronic age would help me stay in touch.
What’s wrong? -Grant from Durfee Hall.

Grant, your first problem is that you’re living in Durfee this year. Even people who don’t go to Hope avoid Durfee guys like the plague.

Dear Andrew: There is a guy who is always in the computer lab downstairs. It doesn’t matter the time of day, he’s there - laughing out loud at e-mails, reading the latest online-fan-site, and generally wasting his life.
What can I do to help him?
-Jason in Voorhees Hall.

Jason, I was once in your shoes. My freshman year, we had the Scott Hall Monster: an enormous man, definitely not a student, who was in the computer lab all the time. We used an interesting method to deal with the problem: we’d tip him, saying that we were searching for nectar. While he didn’t spend less time in the lab, he did bring a smile to a lonely computer lab junkie’s face.

Dear Andrew: Have you ever thought about setting up a web-camera to record your every movement, especially when you change in the locker rooms? -Deanna in Cook Hall.

Deanna, I believe the judge ordered any form of contact between the two of you, abhorred by the restraining order.
Well, that’s all the time we have for today. Thanks for reading and keep those letters coming.
CIT welcomes all the input you have, often including questions about any computing problems you have.

Have your Saturday night plans suddenly become less than crystal clear?

Attend All-College sing Saturday, October 9th at 8:00 p.m. in the Knickerbocker Theater. See your fellow students show off their vocal talents. Tickets are on sale at the Student Union Desk.
An issue without a home

Last Wednesday night, only about 10 students were able to withstand the night in the Pine Grove.

Those students who took part in Habitat for Humanity’s campout should be commended for sticking out a rough night with no heat or luxuries. Many people are forced to do this every night, and it’s a situation that many are able to ignore.

The fact that only 10 students stuck through this event is not surprising. Most people don’t feel the need to deal with the homeless. It’s an issue that students, and even faculty and administration, can turn their back to, taking comfort in the bubble that can be created by Hope College.

Students who took part in the camp out were allotted one item: a cardboard box to sleep in. Apart from that, students were generally allowed to bring sleeping bags, warm clothes, and any other essentials they needed to help them through the night.

Even those students who feel thankful. Many individuals are forced to sleep with none of these luxuries. While a simple blanket might be the saving grace to a homeless person, not getting designer jeans to help them through the night.

Students at Hope often forget how lucky they are. Habitat for Humanity indirectly took this opportunity to emphasize how fortunate students are, rather than complaining about grades or stingy parents who refuse to send $20 their way.

There are a number of homeless individuals in the area, and Holland’s City Mission regularly goes out of its way to send $20 their way.

There are even those students who aren’t fortunate enough to obtain a college education, especially at a private, costly school like Hope.

It’s easy to ignore the homeless; to step over them without a second thought. At least Habitat for Humanity and 10 other people had the sense to think of them for at least one night.

Graduate urges campus to look at change

To the Editor:

Within the microcosm of Hope, over the past few years, we have begun to experience the birth pains of creating true community. We are learning the effort and sacrifice involved in looking, respecting and listening to one another. We are discovering the beautiful diversity of our community and finding that there is no simple template for a life based on love, and not one but a multitude of unique and radiant relationships through which we individually commune with God. As we continued on this journey together, we found that just when the right answers seemed apparent, God encouraged us to grow a little further and to see a little more clearly through one another’s eyes. We have facilitated one another’s growth through conflict, dialogue and individual reconciliation. Now it is time to move forward.

Amanda Schneider ('99)

Letter to the Editor Guidelines

The mission of the Anchor opinion section is to provide a forum for students of the college community to engage in intelligent debate. The page is open to students, faculty, staff and other members of the related community.

The Anchor reserves the right to edit letters due to space constraints, but the editor will take care to retain the tone and intent of the letter. The Anchor will not publish letters that are personal attacks, in poor taste or potentially libelous. Letters will be selected for publication in one of two ways: first, based on the writing of the author; second, as a representative sample when too many letters come in to fit into an issue.

The Editor-in-Chief has discretion regarding the publishing of anonymous letters. No letter will be published without the writer’s identity being known to the Editor-in-Chief, who will discuss with the writer whether or not the letter should be published.

Amanda Schneider ('99)

Drop off letters to the Editor in the Anchor office in the DeVitt Center.

E-mail them to ANCHOR@hope.edu
When the heaves and lockdowns were over, the Even Year pullers reaped their victory in the Black River after defeating the freshman by 6 feet, 1 inch.

"It's the most amazing thing I've ever experienced in my life. It's the best and worst experience of my life. If I could do it all over again, I totally would," said Emily "Diabolic" Huichins ('02).

Despite their loss, the Odd Year Pull Team feels they exhibited many strengths.

"Our heaves were strong and we were able to pull as a team, which was one of our strong points," said Greg "Haze" DeHaan ('03).

Odd Year coaches echoed these thoughts. The coaches felt that because their team came together early in practices, they were stronger in the end.

"I've never felt so good to be wet," said Amy "Miami" Woolard ('02).

Chuck "Manifest" Whitney ('02) recalls the moment that feeling hit him.

"One thing I'll probably never forget is the exact moment our coach told us we had won. When he said 'the sun is shining on the '02 side today.'"

That moment was preceded by one of dread for some Even Year pullers.

"At first I was scared because they (the coaches) started the way they did last year when we lost," Terry "Hashbrowns" Burns ('02).

For many, it is the feelings of team unity and family that they will remember most from the Pull.

"It wasn't an individual win, it was all about the team. You wanted them (your teammates) to win more than yourself to win," Nate "Fury" Haveman ('02) said.

Many Odd Year team members feel the experience will make them more prepared for next year's Pull.

"Gong as a freshman we didn't know what to expect," said Amy "Maiden" Ford ('03). "But next year we will know what to expect and after living through the total experience we will be even more motivated to win."

Puller Jeff "Greed" Bloem ('03) explained that the Pull is only a part of the total experience, and that the process of working together as a team and learning how to motivate one's self takes place over time.

"The practices quickly become a big part of your life," he said. "You soon realize that you are overcoming so many personal barriers. You realize that you are doing the impossible and you look at yourself so differently knowing that you are much stronger mentally."
The Rope that Binds: Even Year tops 

**STRAIN TO GAIN:** Even year puller Dave Cochrane ('02) and moraleer Mary Wyciechowski ('02) stay focused until the end.

**ALL LINED UP:** Janan Fitch ('02) and Kristen Bell ('02) (right) leave it all on the rope.

**GIRL POWER:** Anna Krumseig ('03) (below) made history as one of the few women pullers with the help of moraleer Anne Patterson ('03).

**NO PAIN, NO GAIN:** Steve Haulenbeek ('02) (above) gives it all as Cara Klapp ('02) stays with him.

**WORKHORSE:** Anchor Trent Geisler ('03) and Meghan Betka ('03) (above) hold things down at the end of the road.

**LISTEN UP:** Amber Beeson ('03) keeps puller Barry Rice ('03) (right) aware of the calls.
Odd Year to win Pull

ANCHORS AWAY: '02 Anchor Seth Palmer feels the weight of the rope while Moraler Betsy Muider ('02) stays close by.

OOH RAH: Odd year team members Joel Schraw ('03) and Emily Selden ('03) work together to take their share of the rope.

CELEBRATION TIME: Even Year Pull Coaches Jon Kopchik ('00), Matt VanDam ('00), (above) and Josh Strand ('00) share a moment of joy and excitement following their team's win.

SCREAM: Adam Hoane ('02) raises his voice as he raises his physical and mental strength to another level, with the assistance of his moraler Beth Miranda ('02).
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Pull

October 6, 1999
The many sides of me

I am a biochemistry major. I am not a freak.

This. Almost as if I'm a major who's writing for the Anchor, considered to be one of the newspaper writing and science majors. Journalists and scientists consider me to be one of the "nerds," almost as if I'm a species or something. So yes, to answer any of your questions, I can experiment and I can write. I guess I've just never understood why people assume that science majors can't write and writers can't do science. I see no reason why the two should be mutually exclusive. I do love writing in my lab. In fact, I even think I should have gotten creative writing credit with organic chemistry lab after all of those reports. I managed to come up with about why the experimental world even if I didn't have my product.

In turn, I use sort of a trial-and-error method with the Anchor. Try one approach, and if it doesn't work, try another. Another question I frequently encounter is why I'm not spending more time doing something that will "help" me in my major.

You know what? So what if it doesn't? I do many parties in relation to my major, but I've also noticed that a lot of times, what you learn isn't just in your major area. You can learn stuff outside of your major that's just as important as what you learn in class. In my overall "life" education, I think working for the Anchor has taught me just as much as my classes.

I've learned all about deadlines and meeting phone calls. About voice mail and squrels. About sticking with it when you all want to do quit, go home, and cry. About people and heartache and joy and life.

Those things I would never have experienced if I just stuck to biochemistry. In 10 years, or even 20, these are the things that I'll remember above college, what I really learned. Taking advantages of opportunities like these is what college is all about.

In the long run, I think I'm a much better person because I now work for the Anchor, as well as be a science major. When else in my life am I going to be able to write for a newspaper, and edit a page? Look at all of the people I never would have met.

Granted, they're not your usual Hope students, but who always wants to be around normal people?

Life only grants as a limited amount of opportunities, and it won't take advantage of the ones that we do get, we may as well have done at all.

It's not every college that lets a non-journalism major even write for their paper. Both my choice of major and what I do outside my future career have influenced me tremendously, for they allow me to experience the many different parts of myself. Sure, I have lots of stress, but in the end, I think it's all been worth it.

That's all that matters, isn't it?

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This is the many sides of me: an aspiring journalist and science major. I have experienced if I just stuck to biochemistry. In 10 years, or even 20, these are the things that I'll remember above college, what I really learned. Taking advantages of opportunities like these is what college is all about.

In the long run, I think I'm a much better person because I now work for the Anchor, as well as be a science major. When else in my life am I going to be able to write for a newspaper, and edit a page? Look at all of the people I never would have met.

Granted, they're not your usual Hope students, but who always wants to be around normal people?

Life only grants as a limited amount of opportunities, and it won't take advantage of the ones that we do get, we may as well have done at all.

It's not every college that lets a non-journalism major even write for their paper. Both my choice of major and what I do outside my future career have influenced me tremendously, for they allow me to experience the many different parts of myself. Sure, I have lots of stress, but in the end, I think it's all been worth it.

That's all that matters, isn't it?
search to diversify began before the
reasons.

"A big challenge is to find that
right mix of person that has the ex-
cellent academic background that
we need and is a good teacher and
has a religious background that will
fit in at Hope College and who
wants to work at a predominantly
white college in a predominantly
white location," Schakel said.

Despite the difficulties in locat-
ing professors Schakel feels its
something that needs to be done.
"I think its very important for stu-
dents to have experience with pro-
fessors of various ethnic back-
grounds. One reason it is very im-
portant is that it breaks down stere-
otypes for students," he said.

This fall the English department
welcomed three professors of non-
Caucasian ethnicity to their ranks:
Gilliams, Jesse Montano and Susan
A neoliberal

Faculty
FACULTY from

The biggest of those reasons has
been a national shift towards eth-
nic literature according to english
department chair Peter Schakel.

"What we've been trying to do is
hire people that are specialists in
other areas of ethnic American li-
erature," Schakel said. In each case
other areas of ethnic American li-

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Flying Dutchmen look for first win

DANA LAMERS
infocus editor

Skill, strength, and speed don’t always win football games. Sometimes the mental mental game on the field is as much of a determining factor in the final outcome as anything else.

"All three of our losses are because of the fact that we beat ourselves, more so than another team beating us," said quarterback J.D. Graves (01). "We have to stop mental breakdowns during the entire game, but especially in tough situations in the fourth quarter."

The players point to situations in which they had chances for game changing plays, but made mental mistakes that cost them needed scoring opportunities.

In the second home game versus DePauw, the team was down by six points and succeeded in getting an essential first down, but they let down mentally, got called back on a touchdown, and lost their chance to tie the game.

"It's not that we're not good enough, we just need to think more on the field," Graves said.

This Saturday at 1:15 p.m. the team will travel to Defiance for their first game of league play.

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Saddle up their game will be important, as the team enters Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association honors at Watermark for his score in the top three this weekend, but he still thinks his teams will do well.

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Indeed, Northuis sees nothing at all wrong with dropping from the rankings. "I think it looks at it in a positive way." "If anything, I like it because now we're the underdogs and we can be hungry," he said.

As the season's progressed, a couple of injuries have developed on the men's side. Garrett Childs (02) strained one of his Achilles tendons, and Dane Splinter (02) strained both of his quadriceps.

"It's a rough time of the year because people are getting tired," Splinter said. "I just overworked myself and got burned out, then got injured." Both Splinter and Childs are gradually getting better.

"We brought them back slowly, and they've recovered quickly," Northuis said. "They're two of our top five runners, and by this weekend, their injuries should be nonexistent. However, the challenge for them will be getting mentally race ready, which can be hard coming off an injury."

At this point in the season, Northuis is pleased with his teams' development.

The men's golf team got a wake up call from several teams around the nation recently by 20 strokes. He is averaging 72.8 strokes per 18 hole rounds.

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Soccer team looks for wins

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The Hope women's soccer team has stalled. A 2-1 loss to Olivet in the league opener and a shutout defeat against Kalamazoo have left Hope looking to rebound. The team most recent defeat, 3-0 to Calvin, was especially tough for the players to swallow.

"Calvin is a tough team. It was a really rough loss," said Kate Berghorst ('00).

The loss dropped Hope's record to 0-3 in the MIAA and 2-7 overall. However, the team believes that its record does not reflect its performance.

"We have played a lot of tough teams and our record does not really reflect that," Berghorst said.

Besides playing tough teams, the Flying Dutch have had other problems. Hope has tallied only five goals in their last five games.

"We need to find a way to put the ball in the net," said Lindsey O'Dell ('01).

"We've been playing well, but we're just not scoring goals right now," Berghorst added.

Despite these problems, improvement seems imminent.

"We played pretty well our second half (of the Calvin game) and it was definitely a lot better than the first half," said co-captain Amy Vincent ('00).

"We're going to change some things this week and do some new things and some different things." This will be a critical week for the team as it begins a three game road swing against Alma (3-8) (1-2 Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association), Defiance (1-10) (0-3 MIAA), and Wheaton, Ill. (9-2). Playing two teams with losing records should bolster Hope's chances of coming home with a chance to even its record against Adrian at 2 p.m. on Oct. 16.

Hockey team readies for season

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After a disappointing season in 1998-99, the Hope ice hockey Club is ready to make a difference this season.

"The difference is amazing," said team president John McDonald ('01), in comparison to last year's squad.

"Every game should be competitive, there should be no blowouts this year."

Team captain Clark Beacom ('01) says that the team took a step up.

"There is more enthusiasm than last year. Also, we are deeper through the lines with young talent," Beacom said.

The young talent he refers to is mostly the freshman hockey players. Many of these players already have high school hockey experience under their belts, and their experience will be key to the team's success.

According to McDonald, freshmen to watch this year include: Matt Wynalda ('03), Eric Terpstra ('03), and the one-two punch of Ben and Jeremy Von Etzen ('03). The Von Etzins are a rarity among Hope athletes: they are twins.

Another new player to look for this season is transfer student Mike Alt ('01). McDonald said Alt is "an exciting new player who brings college experience to the team."

The team is showing more unity as a team this year.

"We are coming together as a team," McDonald said.

"We have been holding practice for three weeks already. We have started holding off ice practices run by the players. We usually get at least 15 goals regularly for these," Beacom said.

This is in addition to their usual twice-weekly practices on the ice. Off ice practice usually involves a cardiovascular workout such as running and some form of plyometrics. As far as how the team will perform in its league this season, "It's too early to say. It's hard to tell without seeing the team in a game situation. The scrimmage will say a lot," Beacom said.

The scrimmage he referred to is an intrasquad "Blue and Orange" scrimmage this Friday. Admission is free.

Another key game for the Flying Dutch will be Nov. 6 when they play Calvin College in Grand Rapids.